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1. [] the Wuchou (N 23-28, E 111-19) Municipal Air Defense committee ordered the gradual reconstruction of houseboats (p'ai wu, 8950/1450) which were being used as residences on the West River.¹ A deadline for the completion of fire-prevention lanes among the houseboats was designated by the Committee, which also installed a new air raid alarm system for the houseboats.
2. [] the Wuchou Hsien Public Security Office had formed an armored car unit which consisted of approximately 150 men equipped with eight armored cars for the protection of factories and mining installations in the Wuchou Hsien area.
3. [] a Chinese Communist arsenal at P'inghsiang (N 22-06, E 106-44) was manufacturing light and heavy infantry weapons and ammunition, the majority of which were scheduled for delivery to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. The arsenal was under the supervision of Soviet advisor Pa-erh-k'o-fu (1572/1422/4430/1133) and his deputy, CH'EN Chang-hsin (7115/7022/6580), a veteran member of the Chinese Communist party. The arsenal employed 158 Soviet technicians and 2,200 Chinese laborers []. Large scale expansion of the installation had been undertaken and new buildings were under construction.²
4. [] Major General Sai-wei-lo-fu (1049/4850/5012/1133), a Soviet military construction specialist, Ya-li-t'o-fu (0068/0448/7474/1133), a

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Soviet senior advisor, and 13 Soviet Air Force technicians arrived Nanning from Peiping in order to assume command of the Nanning Airplane Repair Factory.³ The Soviet personnel were billeted in the foreign guest house of the Sino-Soviet Cultural Association in Nanning. Following the arrival of these Soviets in Nanning, four of them and a number of Chinese visited the P'inghsiang Arsenal.

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Comment.

the Chinese Communists dismantled a small arsenal in Yunam(sic), near Canton, and shipped the machinery and equipment from Canton via Wuchou to P'inghsiang. The arsenal was transferred so that it would be more conveniently located for the production of arms and ammunition for the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, according to the report.

Comment. Available information indicates that in 1951 there was a small arsenal at P'inghsiang which made small arms repairs and manufactured hand grenades and rifle ammunition.

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Comment. It is considered doubtful that 15 Soviets, headed by a major general, would be required to "command" a repair facility at an airfield which so far, according to reliable estimates, has existed mainly as a stopover for bi-weekly transport flights between Canton and Kunming.

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